

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the claims in the case to the following four (4) groups:

Invention I, claims 1-7 and 20-21, drawn to a human cell strain enabling the continuous production of a desired protein with high efficiency;

Invention II, claims 8-10, drawn to a method for selecting human cell strain for producing a desired protein;

Invention III, claims 11-16, drawn to a method of producing proteins by the human cell strain; and

Invention IV, claims 17-18, drawn to a method of purifying a protein.

Applicant has elected the invention of Invention Group I as defined by claims 1-7 and 20-21, directed to a human cell strain enabling the continuous production of a desired protein with high efficiency. Applicant has withdrawn claim 8-18.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to present the claims of Invention Group II-IV, or other claims, in one or more divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part applications at a later date.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has timely filed this response. In the event that an additional fee is required for this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0436.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, or need any additional information from Applicant's attorney, she is invited to contact the undersigned at his convenience.

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